

# SWOSU College of Pharmacy Receives \$125,000 Gift from Cardinal Health

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy recently received a \$125,000 gift from Cardinal Health. Making the presentation were (left) Director of Sales Jay Cassidy and (fourth from left) Vice President of Sales Chris Lancot. Accepting for SWOSU were (from left) President Randy Beutler, Pharmacy Dean Dennis Thompson and SWOSU Pharmacy Foundation President Greg Adams of Clinton.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy recently received a \$125,000 award from Cardinal Health as part of the company's pharmacy scholarship program.

The presentation was made by Cardinal Health Vice President of Sales Chris Lancot and Director of Sales Jay Cassidy during a luncheon on the Weatherford campus. SWOSU was one of only eight universities across the nation to receive the gift.

"This gift will make a significant impact at the SWOSU College of Pharmacy as it will pay for a year's tuition for at least one fourth-year pharmacy student," said Dean Dr. Dennis Thompson. "We are excited about our partnership with Cardinal Health and immensely thankful for their generosity."

The SWOSU College of Pharmacy was selected to participate in the Cardinal Health Pharmacy Scholarship Program in 2012 because of its commitment to advancing the independent pharmacy profession. The college offers curricula focused on operating an independent pharmacy; supports a student-run chapter of the National Community Pharmacists Association; endorses internship and co-op programs with local independent retail pharmacies and demonstrates high post-graduate placement rates in community pharmacy settings.

"Cardinal Health serves more than 7,000 independently owned retail pharmacies across the United States, and we're committed to supporting the continued growth of community pharmacy," said Mike Kaufmann, chief executive officer of Cardinal Health's Pharmaceutical segment. "We passionately believe in the essential role that community pharmacists play in making sure patients have convenient access to high quality, personalized healthcare and we're proud to partner with these universities in developing tomorrow's pharmacy leaders."

Headquartered in Dublin, Ohio, Cardinal Health is a \$108 billion health care services company. Cardinal Health provides pharmaceuticals and medical products to more than 60,000 locations each day. The company is also a leading manufacturer of medical and surgical products, including gloves, surgical apparel and fluid management products. In addition, the company supports the growing diagnostic industry by supplying medical products to clinical laboratories and operating the nation's largest network of radiopharmacies that dispense products to aid in the early diagnosis and treatment of disease.